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ACTION EA-14

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PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01

SS-15 IO-12 DPW-01 RSR-01 AID-20 /138 W

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3930

DIA WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

CINCUSARPAC HAWAII

COMUSMACTHAI

DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3387

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - MAY 3

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW, 354 TFW AND
8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

REF: VIENTIANE 3343

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - ONLY FIGHTING REPORTED COUNTRYWIDE
OCCURRED
SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK AND SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE (4 MINOR INCIDENTS)
DURING PERIOD 1-2 MAY. RLAF FLEW 11 T-28 AND 2 AC-47 GUNSHIP
SORTIES IN SUPPORT. POLITICAL- PHENG SAYS WEEKLY MEETINGS BETWEEN
CHIEFS OF RLG AND LPF DELEGATIONS WILL CONTINUE. ROYAL FAMILY EX-
PRESSES APPRECIATION FOR SOUPHANOUVONG' S NEW YEAR' S MESSAGE.
LPF DELEGATION ARRIVES IN EAST BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR III: ACTION CONTINUED IN AREA SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK, AS
3 MINOR CLASHES WERE REPORTED, 2 ON 1 MAY AND ONE ON 2 MAY (ONE
FRIEND WIA, 7 ENEMY KIA, 3 AK-47' S CAPTURED). RLAF FLEW 9 T-28
SORTIES ON 2 MAY AND ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE PREVIOUS NIGHT,
ALL IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTIONS, WITH NO VISIBLE RESULTS.

B. MR IV: ONLY ACTION IN REGION WAS MINOR SHELLING OF POSITION
IN PHIAFAY AREA, WELL SOUTHEAST OF PAKSE, ON 1 MAY (NO CASUALTIES).
RLAF FLEW 2 T-28 SORTIES ON 2 MAY AND ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE
PREVIOUS NIGHT, ALL IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING ACTION, WITH NO VISIBLE
RESULTS.

C. MRS I, II AND V: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.

D. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL
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SIX ENEMY CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL TO 448 AS OF MORN-
ING 30 APRIL. (COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY
BOTH SIDES SHOWS 106 MAJOR AND 576 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH
29 APRIL. END COMMENT)

2. SECTION II - POLITICAL SITUATION

A. IN MAY 2 INTERVIEW, REPORTED BY XAT LAO, RLG NEGOTIATOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN LAO PARTIES ARE FOR NOW LIMITED TO THE LEVEL OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES, BUT THAT, NONETHELESS, WEEKLY MEETINGS BETWEEN CHIEFS OF DELEGATION WOULD CONTINUE.

PHENG SUGGESTED THIS COULD MEAN AN ACCELERATION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

BM PATHET LAO RADIO, MAY 2, BROADCAST TEXT OF APRIL 17 MESSAGE WHICH ROYAL HOUSEHOLD SENT TO PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG CONVEYING ROYAL FAMILY'S THANKS FOR SOUPHANOUVONG'S LAO NEW YEAR GREETINGS. (COMMENT: ROYAL MESSAGE, WHICH WAS EXCEEDINGLY WARM IN TONE, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND WE CAN RECALL IN RECENT YEARS.)

C. LPF DELEGATION, HEADED BY NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, ARRIVED IN EAST BERLIN ON MAY 2 IN COURSE OF TOUR OF FRIENDLY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH BEGAN MID- APRIL.
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